

Appl. No.: 10/706,728
Amdt. dated May 7, 2008
Reply to Office Action of March 18, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings:

Enclosed herewith are replacement sheets of substitute drawings in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(d). The replacement sheets 1–4 are provided to include descriptive text labels as requested in the Office Action and discussed with the Examiner during a telephonic interview.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1–3 and 5–9 are pending in the present application, with Claim 4 having been withdrawn in response to a previous Office Action. Claims 1–3 and 5–9 stand rejected. In addition, the Office Action objected to the specification, drawings, and Claims 1 and 9. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1–3 and 5–9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections and indefiniteness rejections. Applicants have addressed each objection and rejection included in the Office Action, as described below, and respectfully submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

Objection to the Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings. The drawings have been amended to include exemplary descriptive labels in response to the Examiner's request.

Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objected to the disclosure because reference was not made to a prior application. The specification has been amended to include reference to the prior application, as presented above, in response to the Examiner's request.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objected to Claims 1 and 9 due to informalities in the claim language. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended, as presented above, in response to the Examiner's request.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1–3 and 5–9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims have been amended to recite a method in Claims 1–8 and a device in Claim 9. The narrative language has been removed, and the structure which goes to make up the device has been clearly and positively specified in such a manner as to

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present a complete operative device where applicable. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration by the Examiner and formal notification of the allowance of all claims are earnestly solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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